

The Iowa Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, March 21, 2014

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting Location: The Iowa Finance Authority

Room: Lower Level Presentation Room

Address: 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

(Any requests for corrections to the minutes should be submitted to josh.mcroberts@iowa.gov)

I ICN ETIQUETTE REVIEW

Chair Axeen reminded participants to ask to be recognized and to state their name.

II INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Axeen. There are currently 38 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness and the following voting members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Bockenstedt, Boss, Brand, Brown, Brustkern, Dunnwald, Falck, Fisher, Grgurich, Hagen, Harris, Johnson, Jordal, Kellogg, Peterson, Phillips, Schwalm, South, and Wilson. A quorum was established.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Mr. Peterson, the agenda for the March 21, 2014 meeting was unanimously approved.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the minutes of the January 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

V STATE PUBLIC POLICY GROUP UPDATE

Ms. Blazevic with the State Public Policy Group gave a brief update on the work they have been completing around the state. Ms. Blazevic reported that the work is being completed in phases. They are currently in their third phase of work determining and recommending which types of services the identified standards apply to. SPPG reports they have found support from service providers in developing statewide standards as they feel it is something that has been missing.

VI COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE REPORTS

Executive Committee (*Al Axeen*): Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee (*Ben Brustkern*): Mr. Brustkern first welcomed new Iowa Council on Homelessness member, Julie Bockenstedt. Ms. Bockenstedt is the CEO of Humility of Mary Housing and Humility of Mary Shelter in Davenport. Mr. Brustkern mentioned particular interest in seeking candidates to serve in the Vice Chair position for the new term beginning in July. ICH members that are interested in the Vice Chair position should either let him or the Iowa Finance Authority know.

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Continuum of Care Committee (*Zeb Beilke-McCallum*): Mr. Beilke-McCallum stated that the Committee had not met recently, but to look for a meeting request in the next couple weeks.

Public Awareness (*Tim Wilson*): Mr. Wilson reported that the 2nd Annual “Day on the Hill” was a successful event. He noted that almost two dozen people participated and he believed they spoke with around 50 legislators. Participants thanked legislators for their continued support of the Shelter Assistance Fund and mentioned ideas such as a \$5 income check-off box for homelessness on the state income tax return. Lastly, Mr. Wilson thanked those who helped put everything together and made the “Day on the Hill” a successful event.

Progressive Engagement/Coordinated Intake (*David Hagen*): Mr. Hagen reported that the Committee is in the process of reviewing the VI-SPDAT and the SPDAT screening tools. He also noted that the committee has set a date to meet. Every month, the Committee will be meeting on the third Monday at 2:30 PM.

Research and Analysis: (*David Hagen*): Mr. Hagen stated that the Committee had not met since the Point in Time (PIT) count. The Committee is waiting to have another meeting until the PIT Report has been finalized by the Institute for Community Alliances and the Committee will likely meet next month.

VII OTHER REPORTS / ACTIVITIES

Health Insurance Enrollment Update (*Andrea Pearce, Jeff Tourdot*): Ms. Pearce and Mr. Tourdot gave an update on the status of health care enrollment in the state in terms of Medicaid and marketplace insurance. They discussed how Iowans qualify for either type of health insurance and how they can sign up for insurance. Resources from the presentation are available online in the meeting resources section of the council’s web page.

Homelessness Bill of Rights Report: Ethan Hamilton, a graduate student at Mercy College of Health Sciences, along with Dawn Bowker and Brandi Tomlinson of Mercy College of Health Sciences provided an informational report to the Iowa Council on Homelessness about a proposed Homelessness Bill of Rights. A Homelessness Bill of Rights has been adopted in several states and municipalities across the country. Ms. Bowker said they could provide further information and research to see if this is something that could possibly work in Iowa and to see if this is something that would have support. Ms. Bowker stated that their project is just in its infancy stage and they wanted to provide this information to the ICH and see what the next steps would be for them. Mr. Axen said further discussion could occur at the next Executive Committee meeting and they could proceed from there.

VIII HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) REPORT

Ms. Eberbach discussed a couple updates. Concerning the Point in Time (PIT) count, the Institute for Community Alliances is working on finishing up work on the PIT. ICA Staff will present full report to the ICH in May. The ICA continues to work with the Coordinated Intake Committee as they review screening tools.

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IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. Old Business: None.
- ii. New Business: Ms. Eberbach mentioned that the HUD Omaha Field Office will hold a Grantee and Continuum of Care Representative conference call on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 1:30 PM.
- iii. Public Comments: None

X ADJOURN

The date of the next meeting is Friday, May 16, 2014 at 10:00AM at the Iowa Finance Authority.

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Ms. Phillips, the March 21, 2014 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Voting Members Present

1. Al Axeen (Chair)
2. Zeb Beilke-McCallum (Secretary), Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. Julie Bockenstedt, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter
4. David Boss, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation, Consumer Representative
5. Bill Brand, Iowa Department of Human Rights
6. Anne Brown, Iowa Department of Corrections
7. Ben Brustkern, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
8. Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
9. Becky Falck, SIEDA Community Action
10. Mariliagh Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives
11. Donna Grgurich, Iowa Economic Development Authority
12. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
13. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative
14. Sandy Johnson, Iowa Department of Education
15. Rhonda Jordal, Family Alliance for Veterans of America
16. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Organization
17. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
18. Donna Phillips (Vice Chair), Iowa Attorney General's Office
19. Ashley Schwalm, Family Resources
20. Michelle South, ACCESS, Consumer Representative
21. Tim Wilson, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

Voting Members Absent

1. Theresa Armstrong, Iowa Department of Human Services
2. Blair Avitt, Consumer Representative
3. David Binner, Wells Fargo
4. Bob Brownell, Iowa State Association of Counties
5. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
6. Jane Erickson, Iowa Department on Aging

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7. Jeff Gronstal, Iowa Department of Public Health
8. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
9. Cliff Heckman, Des Moines VA Medical Center
10. Tom Lampe, Iowa Department of Public Safety
11. Amy Rawhouser, Consumer Representative
12. Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson, Family Promise of Linn County
13. Reginald Schmitt, Iowa League of Cities
14. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Services
15. Bob Steben, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
16. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter & Services
17. Michael Witt, Iowa Workforce Development

Others Present

1. Indira Blazevic, State Public Policy Group
2. Dawn Bowker, Mercy College of Health Sciences
3. Ronelle Clark, YWCA Clinton
4. David Eberbach, Institute for Community Alliances
5. Julie Eberbach, Institute for Community Alliances
6. Trisha Federspiel, Project Concern
7. Ethan Hamilton, Student, Mercy College of Health Sciences
8. Judy Hartman, Iowa Finance Authority
9. David Hicks, Youth and Shelter Services (Marshall Co.)
10. Amy Keairns, City of Sioux City
11. Barb Lamfers, Salvation Army (Waterloo)
12. Amber Lewis, Iowa Finance Authority
13. Shari McDonald, Opening Doors - Maria House
14. Susan McGuire, Center for Siouxland
15. Josh McRoberts, Iowa Finance Authority
16. Hope Metheny, Youth and Shelter Services (Boone & Story Co.)
17. Derek Nichols, Social Security Administration – Des Moines
18. Andrea Pearce, Primary Health Care
19. Jan Rutledge, Iowa Legal Aid
20. Carrie Slagle, Waypoint Services
21. Kimberly Terry, Manasseh House
22. Jennifer Tibbetts, Catherine McAuley Center
23. Brandi Tomlinson, Mercy College of Health Sciences
24. Jeff Tourdot, Linn County
25. Jessica ?, Opening Doors - Theresa Shelter
26. Kathy Youngs, Hillcrest Transitional Housing